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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT VELASCO'S STATE OF HEALTH

REF: LIMA 6293, WEBER-BARNEBEY TELCON SEPTEMBER 10

1. CHARGE TALKED AGAIN TODAY WITH PRESIDENT VELASCO'S AIDE RE REQUEST FOR WALTER REED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WHEN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NEEDS RELATING TO VELASCO'S PROSTHETIC DEVICE, AIDE SAID NO LOCAL DOCTOR'S REPORT READILY AVAILABLE BUT INSTEAD GAVE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. AIDE SAID VELASCO IS ABLE TO GET AROUND, BUT IS EXPERIENCING DISCOMFORT AND DIFFICULTY USING PRESENT PROSTHETIC DEVICE. ACCORDING TO AIDE VELASCO NOW HAS CONCLUDED HE SHOULD BE FITTED FOR A "PERMANENT" PROSTHETIC DEVICE. VELASCO REPORTEDLY WANTS THIS DONE BY THE MOST EXPERIENCED AND ABLE SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE, AND BELIEVES WALTER REED CAN DO THIS WORK BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE PERHAPS PREVIOUSLY IMPLIED, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME CHARGE HAS HEARD EXPLICITLY THAT VELASCO HOPES TO BE FITTED FOR AND RECEIVE A "PERMANENT" PROSTHETIC DEVICE IN LIEU OF HIS PRESENT DEVICE.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS EARLIEST AND FAVORABLE REPLY TO THIS REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT'S AND WALTER REED'S ASSISTANCE.
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